

From: Cmessmer@aol.com@inetgw
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 12/1/01 12:24am
Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Att: Renata Hesse,
Trial attorney, Antitrust Division,
U.S. Department of Justice

Dear Renata,

I am very pleased to be allowed to comment on the settlement of the Microsoft Antitrust lawsuit. We have followed this case quite closely and are not too happy with Judge Jackson's biased statements and some of his rulings. We cannot see where this company has harmed the consumer in any way with it's business behavior. The real issue is that they have been more aggressive in their marketing techniques than some of their competitors, but that is not against any law we're aware of. The most interesting thing about this whole case has been that the only parties that have been against MSFT have been their competitors such as Oracle, Sun Microsystems, AOL and a few others. Common sense tells you that this would be a great way to help your own company if you could get the government to tie up your main competition for a few years in a legal battle. We believe that is exactly why this has been done. The companies mentioned above have also been very helpful in raising campaign funds for the previous administration and those politicians who have supported the legal battle.

Again, we can see no evidence that this company has harmed the consumer in any way. For sure they didn't when they gave away their web browser for free. Of course Netscape would complain because they were charging \$80 for their browser while MSFT started giving their browser away (free) but that certainly didn't harm the consumer in any way! Netscape didn't like it but then we consumers didn't like paying \$80 for something that we could get for nothing either. We weren't harmed at all.

We would also like to convey to you that as MSFT goes so goes the economy, here in Washington State and over the whole nation. They have done nothing to harm the consumer only doing what their competitors don't like.

Sincerely Yours,

Mr. and Mrs. Chris E. Messmer
14517 Sunnyside N.
Shoreline, WA 98133